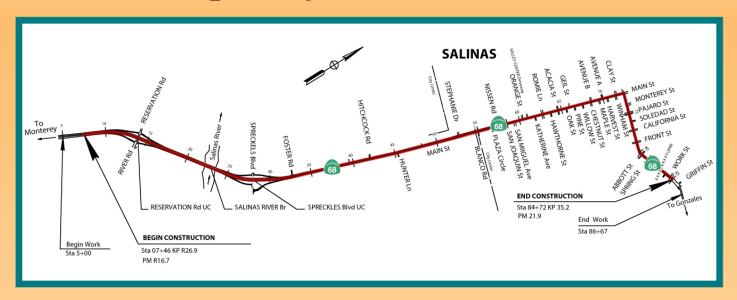


REHABILITATION



Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. Where is the project located? On Highway 68 from Reservation Road to Work Street.
- 2. How many miles long is the project? 5.2 miles.
- **3. When will the project begin construction?** October/November 2004.
- **4. When will the project be completed?** Spring 2006, weather permitting.
- **5. What is the project cost?** Estimated \$12 million.
- **6. What funds are paying for the project?** This is a SHOPP (State Highway Operation and Protection Program) project, which is funded from the State Highway Account.
- 7. Describe main work elements of the project. Repave Main Street and overlay rural section; remove and reconstruct sidewalks to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines; remove and replace curbs and gutters; and upgrade drainage inlets and signalization; stripe for Class 2 bicycle lane from Stephanie Drive to San Joaquin Street; and replace about 35 magnolia trees on Main Street with Tristania confertas (Brisbane Box), and about three magnolias on John Street with Quercus suber (cork oak) of the same height and box-type. They will probably be about 6 to 8 feet tall when planted.
- **8. Does the project include widening the highway?** It includes some minimal widening of outside highway shoulders in the project's rural section. At Blanco Road, the right-hand turn lane will be widened along with the shoulders.
- **9. What are the criteria for replacing trees?** Trees are replaced if one or more of the following conditions exist: the sidewalk, curb or gutter must be rebuilt, and the tree's health would be significantly impacted; the tree has limited life span due to vehicle collision damage or poor general health; or the tree will potentially damage the new sidewalk due to existing roots, and root pruning would be too extensive to sustain the tree.
- **10.** Why are the magnolias being replaced with Brisbane Box and cork oak? The City of Salinas and Caltrans collaboratively chose these trees for the following reasons: physical similarities to the magnolia, compatibility to the area and climate, and low maintenance requirements.
- **11. Is a certified arborist involved with the project?** Yes. An ISA (International Society of Arborists) certified arborist is overseeing the pruning of existing plants and trees.
- **12. Where will construction begin?** The work will be done in nine stages, beginning at Highway 68 and Reservation Road, and Main Street.
- **13.** Will there be any lane closures during construction? Yes. However, one lane in both directions will remain open at all times. When possible, a turning lane will be provided.

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